



ODAWA TRAILS

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LTBB Hawks Basketball



All Hawks Photos Courtesy of Theresa Keshick
Pictured Front: Jasmine McFall, Anna Gasco, Mshkoadekwe Compo, Alicia Alvarado, Izzy Olson, Taylor Olson. Back: Becca Lynn, Cassie Gibson, Coach Chris Lynn, Coach Bernie Compo, Tricia Herron, Carrie Eggelston and Elizabeth Gasco

Pictured Front: Alex Alvarado, Justin McFall, Anthony Stainbrook. Back: Chris Lynn, Anthony Bear, Coach Chris Lynn, Coach Bernie Compo, Conner Kroswek and Donovan Barrientoz

Pictured Front: Tonya Kiogima, Sondra Bennet, Carrie Herron, Shari Swadling. Back: Cassie Gibson, Gitche Wabanimkee, Coach J.D. Gibson, Caitlyn Olson and Tamara Kiogima

By Cathy Gibson, Administrative Assistant

The LTBB Hawks finished their regular season with a trip to the Michigan United Tribal Youth Basketball League (MUTYBL) Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 31, 05. The LTBB Hawks Girl's 13 and under team brought the first place trophy home. They ended the season with a 6 - 0 record! The Hawks boy's 13 and under and boy's 14-18 teams brought home Runner-Up trophies. Congratulations LTBB Hawks! Chi miigwech is extended to the volunteer coaching staff-Bernadece Compo, Chris Lynn, J.D. Gibson, Cathy Gibson and Carol Kiogima.

The Awards Banquet was opened with a prayer by Wally Hall, Peshawbestown, MI. This year, players were asked to speak about the benefits they receive from playing basketball with the league. Speakers included Miss Odawa, Alicia Shomin-Shenoskey; Miss Three Fires, Cassandra Gibson; and Eli Bennett, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Having a good time, loving the sport, learning life's lessons of patience, teamwork and sportsmanship were a few of the comments made by these team members.

Most Valuable Player awards are given to players in each age division. This years winners are Girls 13 and under-Cassandra Gibson, LTBB; Boys 13 and under-Dwayne Anderson, GTB; Girls ages 14 to 18-Monica Gonzalez, SCIT; and Boys ages 14 to 18-David Perez, SCIT.

The league shows its gratitude to the players that are leaving the league by awarding them jackets with the MUTYBL logo on it. This year ten jackets were awarded to the following players, Larry Burns-GTB; Tamara and Tonya Kiogima-LTBB; Shari Swadling, Gitche Wabanimkee-LTBB; Josh Shenoskey-LTBB; Jon Boda-LTBB; Greg Oldman-LTBB; Forrest Worthington II-LTBB; and Eli Bennett, SCIT. These players will still be able to compete in tournament play until the end of the 2004-05 school year.

Scheduled tournaments for this spring are Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Mt. Pleasant, MI, April 9 & 10, 05, Little Traverse Bay Bands, Petoskey, MI, April 16 & 17, 05 and Grand Traverse Band, April 23 & 24, 05. We would like to invite all tribal youth interested in playing during these tournaments to contact Cathy Gibson @ 231-242-1601 for more information.

We the staff and coaches are very proud of all of the players that commit to playing for the MUTYBL program. Miigwech for your dedication, skills and enthusiasm you bring to the LTBB Hawks teams.

Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2005

March 5 - Work Session
March 19 - Work Session
March 6 - Council Meeting
March 20 - Work Session

April 2 - Work Session
April 16 - Work Session
April 3 - Council Meeting
April 17 - Council Meeting
April 30 - Work Session
May 1 - Council Meeting

May 14 - Work Session
May 15 - Council Meeting

June 4 - Work Session
June 25 - Work Session
June 5 - Council Meeting
June 26 - Council Meeting

July 9 - Work Session
July 24 - Council Meeting
July 10 - Council Meeting
July 23 - Work Session

August 6 - Work Session
August 20 - Work Session
August 7 - Council Meeting
August 21 - Council Meeting

September - 10 - Work Session
September 24 - Work Session
September - 11 - Council Meeting
September 25 - Council Meeting

ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE TRIBAL COURT ROOM LOCATED AT 7500 ODAWA CIRCLE, HARBOR SPRINGS

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Safety Tips of the Month

By Norm Emery, Safety Coordinator

What Are Combustion Appliances?

Combustion appliances are those that burn fuels for heating, cooking, or decorative purposes. Examples include space heaters, ranges, ovens, stoves, furnaces, fireplaces, water heaters, and clothes dryers. Common fuels used by these appliances are natural or liquefied petroleum (LP) gas, fuel oil, kerosene, wood, or coal. Usually these appliances are safe. However, under certain conditions, these appliances can produce combustion pollutants that can damage your health, or even cause death.

Safety Tips:

- Give space heaters space; keep portable heaters and space heaters at least three feet from everything, including you. Just brushing against one could set your clothes on fire. Portable heaters are not made to operate 24 hours per day. If you must use make sure that it is the type that has an automatic shut off in the event it is overturned.
 - Cooking carefully; never leave cooking unattended. Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles and wear clothes with short, rolled-up, or tight fitting sleeves when you cook. Never leave cooking unattended. Enforce a kid free zone, at least three feet from the range.
 - Cool a burn; Run cool water over a burn for 10 or 15 minutes. Never put butter or grease on a burn. If burned skin blisters or is charred, see a doctor immediately, never use ice.
 - Turn pot handles inward so they cannot be bumped or pulled over.
 - Install smoke detectors on every level of your home. Test smoke detectors monthly. Install new batteries at least once per year.
 - During a fire, smoke and poisonous gases rise with the heat. If you must escape through smoke, crawl on your hands and knees, keep your head 12 to 14 inches above the floor.
 - If your clothes catch on fire, don't run. Stop where you are and drop on the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll over and over to smother the flames.
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Air Quality News

by AJ Matthews, Air Quality Specialist

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Martial Arts Classes

Classes will be held at the Native Way Too gym On Tuesdays and Thursdays From 6:00 - 7:00 pm Ages 11-Adult

Little Ninja's Class(6-10 years) available Depends upon interest.

Call LTBB Community Health to Sign-up

(321)242-1601

You **Must** sign-up to participate Classes are limited to 20 students per session

Air quality preservation and improvement has become increasingly important with the ever growing residential and commercial needs of the LTBB service area. The Tribal Community should make every effort to reduce the emission of pollutants in the air within and up to 5 miles surrounding the LTBB reservation. This area is called the LTBB airshed.

Increased energy production and energy consumption are major contributing factors to increased emissions throughout the LTBB air shed. The LTBB business enterprises alone consume over 5 million Kilowatts of electricity annually. The production of energy resources from fossil fuels like coal and natural gas leads to increased concentrations of particulate matter, sulfur dioxide and other

hazardous air pollutants such as fluoride, hydrochloric acid, and mercury. Increased contamination can lead to a range of primary human health concerns including asthma, increased coughing, chronic bronchitis, and premature death. The Tribal community can help to reduce emission by taking daily steps to conserve energy.

Energy conservation can be accomplished on both a large and small scale. It can be as easy as car-pooling, limiting water usage, lowering the normal temperature of your home, buying energy efficient light bulbs, and simply turning off unneeded lights. These daily activities will aid in the preservation of air quality and the overall health of the Tribal Community. The LTBB Government and Enterprise opera-

tions can also aid in the effort to promote energy conservation on a larger scale. Methods of "Green Construction" can be used in order to construct new homes and buildings that are highly efficient and environmentally sound. Green construction includes the incorporation of recycled and renewable building materials. It also includes energy conservation methods such as the incorporation of natural lighting instead of excess electrical lighting. Water conservation through recirculation and the use of automated faucets and toilets also reduces the amount of energy use. Finally, many alternative energy production methods can be utilized in order to reduce emissions. Solar power and wind energy are two common methods of energy production

that are environmentally sound that can easily be used in combination with fossil fuel energy in order to reduce emissions.

It is important to evaluate the total energy consumption among the LTBB community and operations in order to improve the overall environmental quality on the LTBB reservation lands. Steps can be taken at all levels ranging from individual members to new enterprise constructions projects in order to preserve the air quality of the LTBB reservation for generations to come.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding air quality or energy conservation, please contact me at (231) 242-1576 or by email at amathews@LTBBodawa-nsn.gov.

What's New in the Environmental Services Department

"They said the maple tree, leader of all trees, will begin dying from the top down and nobody will know how to deal with it" Seneca Chief Handsome Lake

Little did Chief Handsome Lake know that when he prophesized this it would be true. But it's not just the maples, it's all trees. They are dying because of the enhanced greenhouse effect.

I'm sure many of you have heard of the greenhouse effect. It's a naturally occurring process that aides in heating the Earth's surface and atmosphere. This is done through atmospheric gases made primarily of carbon dioxide, methane, and water vapor. These gases absorb the longwave radiation. It's Mother Nature's temperature control box. Without the greenhouse effect, life on earth would probably not exist, because the average temperature on the Earth's surface would be less than negative one degree Fahrenheit. Very few of you may have heard the term "enhanced greenhouse effect" but you know the meaning, global warming.

Through human influence, we have disrupted the temperature control of earth; we have turned the dial up. The increased concentrations of greenhouse gases rose at the beginning of the industrial revolution in the late 1700's.

Everyday energy needs, emissions from transportation, industrial manufacturing emissions, and deforestation contribute to global warming. Fossil fuels, particularly coal, contribute about 65% of all the extra carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Our brothers and sisters of the Amazon have already been influenced by global warming. Forests of the Amazon have had repeated fires; these fires have destroyed areas that are usually too humid to burn. Fires in 1999 burned for weeks destroying the Yanomami, Macuxi, and Wapishana territories in Northern Brazil. Forests are often referred to as "carbon sinks" because they store greenhouse gases. These gases are released when forests are destroyed by burning. It is estimated that fires in Brazil released 125 million metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere; the equivalent to 10 years of emissions of the largest city in Brazil, San Paolo. San Paolo has an estimated population of 20.2 million people, which is just 1.6 million shy of the population of New York City.

Our Inuit family in Alaska and Canada has also been adversely effected by climate change. Not only is their land the largest, but it is also the most ecologically diverse with regions ranging from boreal

spruce and coastal rainforest, peatlands, and mountain glaciers to frozen tundra. Because of the warmer longer lasting summer season the water ways have not frozen leading to problems with fishing and hunting. Also, the warmer weather has begun to melt more ice leading to more flooding in the spring months and thawing of the permafrost. The changes here are larger than any other region in the US for the last three decades.

Okay, so other natives are feeling the impact; it doesn't affect us here in Michigan. Wrong. Within our reservation and region, some migratory birds have advanced their spring arrival by 1 to 8 weeks. This can cause some fowl that eat insects to starve because of lack of food. This can also affect breeding. Birds that nest earlier have their young hatch earlier before favorite prey becomes available, decreasing the survival rate of the species. Precipitation rates are also up in Michigan by 20% since 1962. This has caused flooding in return destroying habitat for wildlife. The growing season has also increased by 8-16 days which leads to more irrigation needs. It is estimated that if our area has an increases of temperature of 10 degrees Fahrenheit and 13% increase in rain that our forest will shift from conifer & broadleaf forest to savanna wood-

lands and grasslands. Breeding patterns would change, animals would migrate to the north for new food supplies, and the most devastating impact would be that many wildlife species would die due to their inability to adapt to the climate changes.

Culturally speaking, the enhanced greenhouse effect can directly affect who we are. We are a people that depend on the water; if we lose traditional resources, we lose our culture through the inability to practice our sustainable lifestyle. If wetlands are adversely impacted, we will lose two of our four scared medicines: sweetgrass and cedar. What will we teach our children then?

Let's be proactive. We can do something now before it truly becomes too late. ~Carpool or use mass transportation- this cuts emissions from vehicles virtually in half. ~Buy products that feature reusable, recyclable, or reduced packaging to save energy required to manufacture new containers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills

~ Next time you go fishing, use your canoe or kayak instead of your motor boat; get a workout and save emissions

~Look for the EnergySaver label on appliances before you buy. It will also help cut your utility bill

~ Be active in public discussions and find out how you can directly affect you community

~ Plant a tree that has a long life span

~ Turn down your water heater: 120 degrees is usually hot enough

~ Insulate your walls and attic: this also saves about 25% on home heating costs too

~ Install low flow shower heads to use less water; these are around \$5 at Kmart

~ Tell others about global warming and its direct effect on natural resources

If you would like more information on the enhanced greenhouse effect you can surf the web at the links below or contact me for more information.

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EPA website ~ <http://www.epa.gov>

Environmental News Network ~ <http://www.enn.com>

The Natural Resource meetings will be held once a month

February 9, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.
March 9, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Commission meetings are held at the NRC office located at 7580 Odawa Circle Harbor Spring, MI 49740. Are open to tribal member unless announced "Closed Session".

A reminder to all deer and turkey hunters that all tags filled or unfilled should be returned to the Natural Resource Office by February 1, 2005.

CORA will be holding a Hazard Analysis Critical Contaminant Point (HACCP) training in March of 2005. Any commercial fishermen that has not attended this training who would like to please contact the Natural Resource Department for information. 231-242-1670

Smothering Mother Earth

The Environmental Services Department (ESD) has begun another busy year of environmental protection. ESD staff continues to work on objectives and tasks associated with their respective programs. These programs include surface water, wetland protection, groundwater, air quality, water quality laboratory operation, and waste management. The months not spent collecting data are a crucial time for staff to analyze and interpret data, address environmental policy issues, provide additional educational outreach, obtain training as needed, and report to funding agencies. Please check out our expanded website at <http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Environmental/EFrameset.htm> for more detail on projects or programs contact us. The website is updated on a quarterly basis, so the site may be under construction at times.

In the ESD, most programs are funded by grants from Federal agencies as well as two Tribally supported programs. The end of 2004 was a busy time for activities associated with closing out two grants. These Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grants fund our General Assistance Program (GAP) and Section 106 Clean Water Act (CWA)

programs. The GAP grant is used to build tribal environmental capacity within LTBB while CWA is used for ongoing surface water, wetland protection, and groundwater programs. Beginning October 1st 2004, these two funding sources were integrated into a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) which, in theory, will reduce the administrative workload, while making grant funds more flexible within the ESD. Flexible meaning that GAP and CWA funds can be used interchangeably as long as all work plan objectives are completed for each grant in the PPG. It is also possible to integrate additional eligible EPA grants into the Performance Partnership Grant in the future. The PPG currently addresses several environmental program areas: General Assistance Program Administration, Clean Air, Clean/Safe Water, Preserve and Restore the Land, and Healthy Communities and Ecosystems. It is our hope that these program areas will provide the framework for environmental and cultural resource protection for LTBB.

The LTBB recycling program has expanded to include Victories Administration Building and Victories Hotel. These facilities cur-

rently recycle paper, cardboard, #1/#2 plastics, glass, and metal. We plan to expand the recycling program to Victories Casino and the new Health Clinic (Bear River Health Park) by the end of 2005. The Environmental Services Department would like to say Chi Miigwech to all LTBB Governmental and Victories Enterprise staff who continues to make the LTBB Recycling Program a success. We truly appreciate your efforts to help protect Mother Earth for the next seven generations.

I would like to follow-up on the previous articles regarding open dumping and abandoned wells. The LTBB Environmental Services Department needs YOUR help to locate open dump sites and abandoned wells within or affecting the LTBB treaty delineated reservation. We will be continuing an inventory of open dump sites and abandoned wells to determine the need for funding to close and clean up these sites and properly dispose of their associated waste. If you should have any questions regarding open dumping and abandoned wells or know the location of any open dump sites and abandoned wells, please contact myself or Regina Gasco for dump sites at 231.242.1571 and 1574, and

Justin Tabor for abandoned wells at 231-242-1573.

The ESD will continue to offer radon test kits and well-water testing to all Tribal Citizens throughout 2005. Please contact us if you are interested in either of these free services.

Rachel Schwarz
LTBB Environmental Services Director 231.242.1571



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- Letter of Application that includes your perception of you academic and applied strengths, a description of your career goals and objectives
- A letter of recommendation from academic advisor or faculty member that includes how long and in what capacity they have known you as a student, their perception of you aca-

demetic strengths, any other pertinent information

- Proof of enrollment into a college of forestry to natural resource program
- Transcript and current class schedule
- Letter of Support from tribal or BIA agency natural resource staff (optional but helpful)

Send Application Packet to:

Doug Eifler
Natural Resources Liaison Office
Haskell Indian Nations University

155 Indian Avenue, Box 5018
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Application DEADLINE:
MARCH 5th

for additional information contact:
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Q & A's Regarding the Handling of Resident Tribal Member

Q & A's Regarding the Handling of Resident Tribal Member (RTM) filings of the MI-1040 and the 4013.

Definitions -

- Resident Tribal Member (RTM) - Those members (of a Tribe that has an implemented tax agreement with the State of Michigan) that are residing within their own Tribe's negotiated Agreement Area.
- 4013 - Is the form a RTM may use to claim an annual sales tax refund. Members who do not reside within their Tribe's Agreement Area or who belong to a Tribe without an implemented tax agreement may not claim this refund.
- MI-1040 - Michigan Income Tax Return.

Q1 As a RTM how do I file the 4013?

A1 Even though the 4013 is a completely separate sales tax refund return, it must be filed with the RTM's MI-1040. If the RTM does not have an AGI, the RTM should still fill out the return by entering zero for AGI and completing the rest of the return per the instructions. Please note that the 4013 credit does not feed over to the MI-1040.

Q2 I already filed my MI-1040 electronically, how do I file the 4013?

A2 The 4013 would then be filled out and filed on it's own. Once received by the Department it will be matched up with the MI-1040 on file.

Q3 How does the 4013 credit work?

A3 The 4013 guides the RTM through a process where their federal AGI is modified to include certain specified types of income. This "modified AGI" is then subjected to a predetermined cap and then multiplied by a negotiated percentage to determine the total amount of sales tax refund a RTM can claim that year. That

amount may be reduced based upon the number of months the RTM was considered a RTM. E.g., if a member moves into the Agreement Area half way through the year, he or she may only take 6/12ths or one half of the credit.

Q4 Why does a second non-obligated spouse form get issued for the tribal sales tax credit and how is it prorated?

A4 A second non-obligated spouse form gets issued because the 4013 is a completely separate form that is refunding sales tax and is not carried over to the MI-1040. It is only filed with the MI-1040 income tax return for administrative purposes. The determination of the NOS share should be determined using the same rules as with any non-NOS situation.

Q5 I am a member of the _____ tribe; why did you deny my credit?

A5 Your credit could have been denied for a variety of reasons. You should have received a denial message from the Department. Please refer to the message and if you have a more specific question call 1 800 827 4000.

Q6 Why isn't the 4013 form available on the Internet?

A6 To eliminate confusion regarding who can use the form, Resident Tribal Members belonging to a tribe with a State/Tribal Tax Agreement must obtain the form directly from their Tribe.

Q7 How long does it take to receive the 4013 refund?

A7 It generally takes between 6 to 8 weeks to receive the refund.

Q8 If I don't have a federal adjusted gross income and am not required to file a Michigan income tax return (see answer to question 20 to verify whether they must file a MI 1040), can I file a 4013

without the Michigan income tax return?

A8 In order to receive the 4013 annual sales tax credit you must file it with a Michigan income tax return. When filling out the Michigan income tax return, simply enter zero where the federal adjusted gross income would go and fill out the remainder of the return.

Q9 I am a Resident Tribal Member but my spouse is not. We filed a joint income tax return. Can I still file a 4013?

A9 Yes. Just follow the instructions on the 4013 and it will allow you to separate out your Resident Tribal Member income and calculate the credit based only on that income.

Q10 My tribe did not implement its agreement until part way through the year. Does this reduce the amount of my 4013 refund?

A10 Yes, the refund must only be calculated based on the number of months that your Tribe had an implemented agreement with the State and you qualified as a Resident Tribal Member. (See answer to question 3)

Q11 My tribe does not have a tax agreement with the State of Michigan. Can I still file the 4013?

A11 No, only members of tribes with an implemented State/Tribal Tax Agreement may file the return and only for the period they qualified as a Resident Tribal Member.

Q12 Does the 4013 refund feed over to a line on the Michigan Income Tax Return.

A12 No, they are separate returns and separate warrants will be issued for each refund.

Q13 I received a denial letter stating that I am not a Resident Tribal Member, how should I correct this?

A13 You must contact your Tribe to verify your status and correct

if appropriate.

Q14 As a RTM how do I file the MI-1040?

A14 The MI-1040 should be filed pursuant to the regular instructions provided in the MI-1040 Instruction Booklet. The total income exempt per the terms of the State/Tribal tax agreement should be entered on line 19 (Miscellaneous subtractions) of the MI-1040 Schedule 1. The phrase "Resident Tribal Member Income" should be entered in the blank space provided on line 19 describing the reason for the subtraction.

Q15 I am a RTM and my spouse is not. We live in the Agreement Area but do not work in the Agreement Area. How is our income prorated on the MI-1040 income tax return?

A15 Assuming a joint return, you would report your combined AGI on the appropriate line of the MI-1040 and subtract only the RTM spouse's exempt income (see answer to question 16 for instructions on how to report the subtraction). The non-RTM spouse's income is taxable regardless of whether or not earned in the Agreement Area.

Q16 Where do I subtract income based on my status as a RTM?

A16 A RTM's exempt wage income may be subtracted on line 19 of the MI-1040 Schedule 1 (regardless of where earned). The RTM should indicate "Resident Tribal Member Income" on the space provided. Please note that a RTM may only subtract exempt income for the period for which they qualified as a RTM (see definitions for RTM.)

Q17 Can a tribal member receive a homestead property tax credit or a home heating credit?

A17 Yes, if they meet the normal requirements identified under state law.

Q18 Can I subtract my child welfare?

A18 This would be handled per state or federal normal procedures without any special regard to Indian Tribal Member status.

Q19 If income is exempt from federal income tax, is it also exempt from Michigantax?

A19 These situations must be evaluated on a case by case basis depending on the specific exemption being claimed.

Q20 As a Resident Tribal Member, do I have to file a Michigan income tax return even if I am not required to file a federal income tax return?

A20 The terms of the Tax Agreement require Resident Tribal Members to file a Michigan Income tax return if a) they owe Michigan income tax, b) they are due a Michigan income tax refund, c) their federal adjusted gross income exceeds their exemption allowances or d) they filed a federal income tax return.

Q21 Can enrolled members of a tribe without a State/Tribal Tax Agreement claim an Indian exemption on their Michigan income tax return?

A21 Yes, but only if they reside within their tribe's Indian Country (as defined in 18 USC 1151) and the income is earned within their tribe's Indian Country. They cannot claim the exemptions that are provided under the Tax Agreement.

Q22 How do I know if my Tribe has an implemented tax agreement with the State?

A22 Tribes that have implemented agreements with the state are listed on the Department of Treasury's website at www.michigan.gov under individual or business, click on the Native American link. Copies of the Tax Agreements can also be viewed by clicking on the Tribe's link.



Makwa Giizis
(Bear Moon -
February)

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6	ngodwaaswe	ngodwaaso-
7	niizhwaaswe	niizhwaaso-
8	nshwaaswe	nshwaaso-
9	zhaangsw	zhaangso-
10	mdaaswe	mdaaso-



- kizhep = morning
- naakwe = noon
- shkwanaakwe = afternoon
- naakshi = evening
- niibadibikat = night
- aabtaadibikat = midnight
- jiinaagwa = yesterday
- wasnaagwa = day before yesterday
- nangwa = today
- waabang = tomorrow
- waswaabang = day after tomorrow
- dibikong = last night
- zhebaa = this morning (past)



- dabagiiswaan = clock
- dabagiiswaanensh = watch
- Wenesh pii? = When?
- Aaniish epiichaak? = At what time?
- Wegnesh ensadabaganeg? = What time is it?

Vowel	Sounds like
a	bus
aa	father
e	bed
i	sit
ii	see
o	phone
oo	book
nh	nasal sound



- naakwe = It is noon.
- ngo-dabaganet = it is 1:00
- niizho-dabaganet = it is 2:00
- nso-dabaganet = it is 3:00
- niwo-dabaganet = it is 4:00
- naano-dabaganet = it is 5:00
- ngodwaaso-dabaganet = it is 6:00
- niizhwaaso-dabaganet = it is 7:00
- nshwaaso-dabaganet = it is 8:00
- zhaangso-dabaganet = it is 9:00
- mdaaso-shaa bezhik dabaganet = It is 11:00
- aabtaa-dibikat = it is midnight

- naakwek = At noon
- To change the rest of the times to say 'At...' instead of 'It is...' - change the 't' to a 'k,' example:

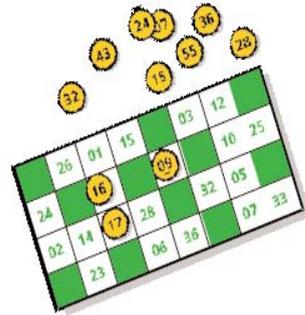
- ngo-dabaganek = at 1:00
- naano-dabaganek = at 5:00
- aabtaa-dibikak = at midnight

Here are some common names used for the Days of the Week, the first set are the Christian-based names.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Name-Giizhigat	Shkwa-Name-Giizhigat	Niizh-Giizhigat	Zoozep-Giizhigat	Spinganwan	Jiibaatig-/Jiibaato-Giizhigat	Maanii-Giizhigat
Prayer Day	Day After Prayer Day	Second Day after Prayer Day	Joseph's Day	Day of Ascension	Cross Day/ Spirit Day	Mary's Day
Nwebi-Giizhigat	Ntam-Giizhigat	Niizho-Giizhigat	Aabitoo-Giizhigat	Niwo-Giizhigat	Naano-Giizhigat	Ngodwaaso-Giizhigat
Day of Rest	First Day	Second Day	Halfway Day	Fourth Day	Fifth Day	Sixth Day

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ANIMAL BINGO

Saturday, March 5, 2005
LTBB Government Complex
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs

- 1:30 p.m. Doors Open
- 2:00 p.m. Bingo Begins - Early Bird Special
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner

VERB BINGO (Action Words)

Saturday, April 16, 2005
LTBB Govt Complex
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs

- 1:30 p.m. Doors Open
- 2:00 p.m. Bingo Begins - Early Birds
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner

Prizes



Commission Meeting Dates

Enrollment Commission
 Meetings begin at 5:00 PM and are located in the Enrollment Commission Workroom #118 at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. All meetings are open to the Tribal membership unless otherwise posted.

Monday, March 21, 2005
 Monday, April 18, 2005
 Monday, May 16, 2005
 Monday, June 20, 2005
 Monday, July 18, 2005
 Monday, August 15, 2005
 Monday, September 19, 2005
 Monday, October 17, 2005
 Monday, November 21, 2005
 Monday, December 19, 2005

Health Commission

March 14, 2005
 April 11, 2005
 May 9th, 2005
 June 13, 2005
 July 11, 2005
 August 8, 2005
 September 12, 2005
 October 10, 2005
 November 14, 2005
 December 12, 2005

ALL meetings start at 6:30pm and are being held at the Government Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of your Health Commissioners.

Education Commission

March 19, 2005
 April 23, 2005

All meetings are open to Tribal Membership unless otherwise noted. Meetings are held at the LTBB Government Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

Jiingtamok (Pow Wow) Committee

March 8, 2005
 April 12, 2005
 May 10, 2005

Please note these meetings will be held in the Boards, Commissions, and Committees room (room #312) located at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI. All meetings start at 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development Work Session and Meeting Schedule

March 12, 2005	March 13, 2005
April 9, 2005	April 10, 2005
May 14, 2005	May 15, 2005
June 11, 2005	June 12, 2005
July 9, 2005	July 10, 2005
August 13, 2005	August 14, 2005
September 10, 2005	Sept. 11, 2005
October 8, 2005	October 9, 2005
November 12, 2005	Nov. 13, 2005
December 10, 2005	Dec. 11, 2005

Meetings will be held in room #312 located at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI. Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. All meetings open unless closed session

Housing Commission

All meetings are open to the public unless otherwise in close session.

March 7, 2005
 April 4, 2005
 May 2, 2005
 June 6, 2005
 July 11, 2005
 August 1, 2005
 September 12, 2005
 October 12, 2005
 November 7, 2005
 December 5, 2005

ALL meetings start at 3:30pm and are being held at the Government Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of your Housing Commissioners.

The following is some general information and guidelines for Tribal Members who are interested in serving on a LTBB Commission, Board and/or Committee. You must be present at the time selected for an interview. Please submit your letter of interest anytime along with your resume to:

Su Lantz
 LTBB of Odawa Indians
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or email:
 slantz@lbbodawa-nsn.gov

Gaming Board of Directors
 3-year terms
 No. of Openings = 1 immediate opening to fill a vacancy, expires 2005
 Meetings = Minimum of once per month or as deemed necessary

Economic Development
 3-year terms
 No. of Openings = 1 immediate opening to fill a vacancy, expires 2005
 Meetings = Minimum of once per month or as deemed necessary

Compensation:

- 1) Stipend of \$100.00 per meeting
- 2) Per Diem according to the Current Federal Per Diem Rates (for those members who travel from farther than 50 miles for a meeting or training)
- 3) Mileage allowance is paid according to the current mileage rate set by the LTBB Accounting Department.
- 4) Lodging & Travel is paid for through the Commission, Board or Committee and is approved via motion at a regular meeting

It would be a good idea to attend a regularly scheduled meeting for the CBC in which you are interested. The meeting dates, times and location are located in the navigation bar to the right under Calendar of Events on the Tribal website and are also posted in the Odawa Trails.

New Tribal Employee

Aanii, Little Traverse Bay Bands Aanishnabek. Regina Brubacker n'dizh-nikaaz. For almost four years I have been privileged to be your Tribal clinic nurse, and I have seen many changes and much growth during that time. Now it's my turn to change and grow. I have been entrusted with the position of Health Educator with the Community Health Department.

What will I be doing? Mostly I will be running the STEPS Grant program, which Michele Keshick has been in charge of along with her other roles. This means I will be able to work on maintaining and improving the health of our community, which has been one of my passions since I became a nurse almost twenty years ago and witnessed the cost of poor health. I look forward to serving you all in this new and exciting endeavor. Migwetch. Stop in and see me at Yoga class!
 Regina Brubacker, RN
 LTBB Health Educator

LTBB Government Employment Opportunities

**Gaming Board Admin. Assistant
 Police Recruit (tribal Member)
 Inland Fishery Biologist**

For a complete job description or to apply for any of the aforementioned positions, please contact the LTBB Human Resources Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. By telephone at (231) 242-1555. By fax at (231) 242-1565. Also complete job descriptions are available at the Tribal Website: lbbodawa-nsn.gov

Tribal Telephone Directory

Tribal Main Switchboard.....231-242-1400

Tribal Administration
 Melissa Wiatroluk, Administrative Assistant.....242-1420

Tribal Chairman/Council Office
 Mike Smith, Administrative Assistant.....242-1406

Accounting Department
 Tonia Gasco, Accounting Assistant.....242-1441

Archives and Records Department
 Eva Oldman, Administrative Assistant.....242-1450

Communications Department
 Melissa Barber, Director.....242-1427

Contracting Department
 Kristi Houghton, Contracts Manager.....242-1426

Economic Development Department
 Susan Swadling, EDD Assistant.....242-1582

Education Department
 Beverly Wemigwase, Administrative Assistant.....242-1480

Elders Department
 Tina Sutton, Elders Program Assistant.....242-1423

Enrollment Department
 Linda Keshick, Administrative Assistant.....242-1521

Environmental Department
 Regina Gasco, Environmental Assistant.....242-1574

Facilities Department
 Steve Clausen, Facilities Manager.....242-1532

G.I.S. Department
 Alan Proctor, G.I.S. Director.....242-1597

Housing Department
 Margaret Gasco, Administrative Assistant.....242-1540
 Human Resources Department
 Susan Gasco, Human Resources Representative.....242-1555

Legal Department
 Allie Maldonado, Attorney.....242-1403

Law Enforcement Department.
 Tribal Police.....242-1500

MIS Department
 Ed Nephler, MIS Technician.....242-1534

Planning Department
 Vacant, Administrative Assistant.....242-1588

Tribal Court
 Linda Harper, Court Clerk.....242-1462

Tribal Health Clinic
 Dawn Kilpatrick, Receptionist.....242-1700

Health Department
 Gwen Gasco, Administrative Assistant.....242-1611
 Cathy Gibson, Community Health Outreach.....242-1601
 Owen LaVeque, Transportation.....242-1602
 Kathleen Willis, Contract Health Receptionist.....242-1607
 Heidi Bosma, Maternal Child Health Outreach.....242-1614

Human Services Department
 Theresa Chingwa, Administrative Assistant.....242-1621
 Regina Kiogima Sr., BGN Outreach Worker.....242-1627

Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department
 Jenifer Dominic, Office/Intake Coordinator.....242-1642

Natural Resources Department
 Fiona Banfield, Administrative Assistant.....242-1670

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes December 19, 2004

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
December 19, 2004
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle
Smudging 9:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.

Executive Session: no
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m.
Council Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Dexter McNamara, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley

Absent:
Legal Staff Present: James Bransky, General Counsel
Staff Present: Michele LaCount, Albert Colby, Jr., Valerie Tweedie, Ken Fegan, Heidi Yapple, Jeff Cobe, Rachel Schwartz, Warren Petoskey, John Espinosa, Barry Growell, Susan Swadling, Cheryl Kishigo
Commission, Boards and Committees: John Keshick III, Marty VanDeCar, Denise Petoskey, Shirley Oldman, Sheran Patton, Judy Pierzynowski
Guests: Marcia Sutton, Carol McFall, Harriett Booth, Allie Maldonano

Opening Ceremony: Warren Petoskey

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to adopt the agenda for December 19, 2004 with changes.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to approve the minutes of December 5, 2004 as presented.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to ratify into the record the phone poll dated December 7, 2004 to authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign the Pharmacy Services Agreement necessary because of the closing of the chemist shop. The phone poll passed.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to accept the Elder's report given by Chairperson Richard Wemigwase.
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to establish a policy for the following maximums for the Elder's Ramp Program; time and materials rate for non bidding construction of ramps with a max time rate of \$28.00 per hour capped at \$700.00 labor and actual costs; ramps costing more than \$700.00 shall require a written estimate prior to ordering materials; and further direct the Tribal Administrator to implement the program in the most expeditious manner.
Motion Withdrawn

10:59 a.m. Recess called
11:14 a.m. Meeting reconvened

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to accept the verbal and written report as presented by the C.F.O., Valerie Tweedie, for December 19, 2004.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to approve the Gaming Board of Directors budget for the month of December 2004 for \$41,839 and to approve the amount of \$160,650 for FY2005.
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to approve the 2004-01 comprehensive budget amendment for the year ending 12/31/2004 in the amount of \$229,023. Funding to come from \$14,904 indirect cost recovery and \$214,119 to come from current savings in various general fund programs and the remainder from prior period fund balances.
Motion dies due to lack of support

11:51 a.m. Public Comment opened, Marty Van De Car, Carol McFall
11:57 a.m. Public Comment closed

12:13 p.m. Lunch recess called
1:48 p.m. Meeting reconvened

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to approve the 2004 comprehensive budget amendment for the year ending 12/31/04 in the amount of \$203,523 funding to come from \$14,904 indirect cost recovery and \$188,619 to come from the current savings in various general fund programs and the remainder from prior period fund balances.
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to approve \$25,500 for FY 2004 with Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority for the Inter Tribal Fishery Assessment program to come from prior year fund balance.
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley withdrawn and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.,

to adopt Resolution #121904-01 National City Bank Change of Signatories on Fish Purchases Account.
2:26 p.m. recess called
2:34 p.m. meeting reconvened
Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-no, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-no
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to accept the Tribal Administrator's verbal and written report for December 19, 2004.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to approve \$27,000 in funding for the Emergency Client Assistance fund with \$25,000 for 2005 expenditures and \$2,000 for the remaining time in 2004 to come from prior year funds.
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to approve mailing of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Substance Abuse Survey to all Tribal Members 18-yrs and older.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to deny the Tribal Administrator's request to change the Native Hiring Preference Policy that requires a 2-yr contract for hiring of non native employees.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to reprimand the Human Resource Director for insubordination for specifically claiming we do not know the legality of our motions.
Vote: 4 Yes, 3 No (Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley) 0 Absent, 0 Abstained

3:43 p.m. Recess called
3:55 p.m. Meeting reconvened

4:06 p.m. Public Comment opened: no public comment
4:06 p.m. Public Comment closed

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to accept the Tribal Chairman's verbal and written report as presented on December 19, 2004.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to adopt Resolution #121904-02 Support of the Match-e-b-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians Request Urging a Class III Gaming Compact with the Governor of the State of Michigan.

Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law for any Tribal Council member to attend the United Tribes of Michigan meeting to be held February 24-25, 2005 to include mileage, stipend, lodging and per diem at Victories Hotel.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to host the United Tribes of Michigan meeting to be held at Victories Hotel for February 24-25 2005.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank that Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians host the Tribe/State Summit with the Governor of the State of Michigan in the spring of 2005.
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to approve the payment of \$46,400 for 2005 to the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority in support of Biological Services Department, services defined in the 2000 Consent Decree. Funding to be determined from the 2005 budget amendment.
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet approving any Tribal Council member wishing to attend Tribal and 1st Nations meeting Great Lakes Accord in Chicago January 31-February 1, 2005 to include mileage, stipend, lodging and per diem.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to reprimand the Education Director for failing to develop procedures to implement the Michelle Chingwa Education

Assistance Act; further to direct the Education Director to develop procedures for the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act that will require the Education Department to take an active role in the process of assisting students throughout the entire financial aid process and make available a petition process for Education Commission review of complaints and exceptions beginning January 1, 2005.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to approve the articulation agreement between Ferris State University and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and authorize for the Tribal Chairman to sign, pending review and recommendations of the Legal Department.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to accept the verbal and written report from Legal Department, as presented by Jim Bransky, for December 19, 2004.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to allow the sale of items with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians logo as directed by the Legal Department as needed to aid in the protection of the Tribe's ownership rights to the logo.
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #121904-03 Victories Expansion Loan Authorization and Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.

Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-no, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-no, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to extend the contract with the Tribal Prosecutor for a period of one year or until a prosecutor is appointed under the proposed Constitution if adopted, whichever occurs first.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to accept the Gaming Administration's verbal and written report as presented by Sherri Patton for December 19, 2004.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to adopt Resolution #121904-04 Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. application for funding: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration *Anishnabe Adolescent Treatment Coordination Coalition Program*.

Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #121904-05 Funding request from the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management Division, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians - Tribal Government Center Storm Water Retention Basin Project.

Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #121904-06 Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women: Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program
Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to allocate the unused funds from the 2004 program budget for the Reaffirmation Video Production Program #1201-2-56, to be carried over to supplement the 2005 program budget.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to enact Waganakising Odawa Statute Enrollment Statute Amendment sponsored by the Economic Development Commission effective immediately; the statute authorizes the use of Tribal I.D.'s for Tribal Services.
Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes,

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to approve the 2005-2007 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Environmental agreement and authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #121904-07 Authorization for Live Scan Agency Agreement.
Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley that we enter into the Inter-local Agreement for Deputization and Mutual Law Enforcement Assistance between Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the County of Emmet, ending December 31, 2008 and authorize the Tribal Chairman, the Tribal Chief of Police and the Tribal Prosecutor to sign.
Vote: 5 Yes, 2 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to approve Enrollment list B-declination (Ineligible) for December 8, 2004.
Vote: 5 Yes, 2 No (Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to apologize to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Members for any inconvenience or unnecessary problems created in the delivering of the Christmas party gifts to the Grand Rapids area.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to authorize Tribal Council attendance at the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes meeting in January 2005 at Lac Du Flambeau, WI to include stipend, mileage, lodging and per diem.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to authorize Tribal Council attendance at the Tribal Energy Summit in February 2005 to include stipend, mileage, lodging and per diem upon verification of the meeting.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to authorize Tribal Council attendance at the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes Impact Week in Washington DC in March 2005 to include stipend, mileage, lodging and per diem.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to authorize Tribal Council attendance at the National Indian Gaming Association Trade Show and Convention in San Diego, CA in April 2005 to include stipend, mileage, lodging and per diem.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained

Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to authorize Tribal Council attendance at the National Congress of American Indians Winter Session in Washington DC in February/March 2005 to include stipend, mileage, lodging and per diem.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to authorize Tribal Council attendance at the Wind Energy Summit in Mt. Pleasant, MI in January 2005 to include stipend, mileage, lodging and per diem.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to authorize Tribal Council attendance at the Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference in Albuquerque NM in April, 2005 to include stipend, mileage, lodging and per diem.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

7:29 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to adjourn.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:
Approved:

Dexter McNamara, Tribal Secretary

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes January 9, 2005

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
January 9, 2005
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle
Smudging 9:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.

Executive Session: yes
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m.
Council Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Dexter McNamara, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley
Absent: none
Legal Staff Present: James Bransky, General Counsel

Staff Present: Michele LaCount, Valerie Tweedie, Heidi Yapple, Jeff Cobe, Mike Givens, Linda Woods, Linda Keshick, Bernadece Compo

Commission, Boards and Committees: Shirley Oldman, Jannan Cornstalk-DeCamp, John Keshick, Eleanor Barber, Denise Petoskey, Dorothy Boda

Guests: Harvey Gibson, Carol McFall, Marty VanDeCar, Joe Medicine, Andrew Stich, Sharon Sierzputowski, Doug Craven, Judy Pierzynowski, John Bott, Deleta Gasco Smith, David Kagabitang, Alice Hughes, Winnay Wemigwase, Mel Kioigima II, Lee Rousseau, Kacee Gokee, Marcia Sutton, Tim Thomas

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to adopt the agenda with amendments for January 9th, 2005 in honor of the 3,968 enrolled members and those who have walked on for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to approve the minutes of December 19, 2004 as presented.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to accept the Treasurer's report provided by Valerie Tweedie C.F.O., verbal and written, for January 9, 2005.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

10:27 a.m. Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. leaves
10:38 a.m. Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. returns

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to accept the verbal and written report as presented by the Tribal Chairman for January 9, 2005.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Dexter McNamara to approve the Waganakising Odawa Journey to Sovereignty Video and all the contents therein that was coordinated by Mary Roberts and Shirley Oldman and directed by Real People Productions.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

11:08 a.m. recess called
11:22 a.m. meeting reconvened

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to authorize the sale of all past, present and future Odawa Channel movies, proceeds to go to the Archives and Records Cultural Program Fund that will carry over from year-to-year, sales to Tribal Members shall be at the cost of reproduction and shipping.
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign the contract for Community Services Block Grant Emergency Assistance Program agreement between Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Andrew Stich, Harvey Gibson, Carol McFall, Deleta Gasco Smith, Joe Medicine, Doug Craven
12:03 p.m. Public Comment closed

12:03 p.m. Lunch recess called until 1:30 p.m.
1:45 p.m. Meeting reconvened

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to authorize the Enrollment Officer to prepare and publish a bi-annual Tribal Directory and authorize a fiscal year 2005 budget of \$5,200, with \$2,100 coming from prior fund balance Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Directory Program and \$3,100 from General Fund current revenue.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 1 Abstained (Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley)
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to approve the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Grant Writer employment contract for the term of 6 years commencing on this date, January 9, 2005, ending on January 8, 2011 and authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign.
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to direct the Tribal Chairman and the Tribal Council Treasurer to have the Donations and Contribution draft policy and procedures ready for the next Tribal Council meeting on January 23, 2005.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara for the Tribal Chairman to submit a monthly article to the Odawa Trails informing the Membership of travel attended, in reference to motions regarding Tribal Council compensation.
Motion dies due to lack of support

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. to accept the Legal Department's verbal and written report as presented by General Counsel James Bransky for January 9, 2005.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to approve a year-by-year lease agreement with Lamar Advertising for billboard locations on Tribal property in Mackinaw City and authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign.
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to approve contract extension with LTBB, the Grand Traverse Band and Gregory E. Dowd, with Dowd's fees and expenses under the extension to come out of 2005 and 2006 Legal Department Budget to the extent not reimbursed by the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to authorize a subcontract between LTBB and the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority for reimbursement of payment of contract with Gregory E. Dowd and authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. to accept the Education Commission's verbal and written quarterly report as presented by Shirley Oldman for January 9, 2005.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to accept the Election Board's quarterly report written and verbal as presented by Chairperson Denise Petoskey for January 9, 2005.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

3:16 p.m. Recess called
3:20 p.m. Secretary Dexter McNamara leaves
3:29 p.m. Meeting reconvened

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to accept the Enrollment Commission's verbal and written quarterly report as presented by Chairperson Dorothy Boda for January 9, 2005.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. to accept the Health Commission's 4th quarterly written and verbal report for 2004 as presented by Chairperson Deleta Smith.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #010905-01 Request for funding from the United States Department of Treasury, Community Development Financial Institutions Program, Technical Assistance Component, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2005 Application for Technical Assistance.
Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-absent

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #010905-02 Request for funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging (AoA), Title VI of the Older Americans Act, Part A - Grants for Native Americans and Part C - Grants for the Native American Caregiver Support Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Elders' Program.
Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-absent
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to adopt Resolution #010905-03 Honoring William Ray Kioigima.
Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-absent
Motion Carried

4:05 p.m. Public Comment opened: David Kagabitang, Shirley Oldman
4:12 p.m. Public Comment closed

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to adopt Resolution #010905-04 Interlocal Agreement for Deputization and Mutual Law Enforcement Assistance Between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and The County of Charlevoix Authorization for Execution of Agreement.
Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank-no, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-no, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-no, Secretary Dexter McNamara-absent
Motion Fails

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to adopt Resolution #010905-04 Deputation Agreement Between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Law Enforcement Services and Security (OLES), United States Department of the Interior, Authorization to Enter Into Deputation Agreement.
Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-no, Secretary Dexter McNamara-absent
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to approve the Ansokewuk (they are telling a story) event to be held February 12, 2005 funding to come from the Cultural Activities 2005 budget in the amount of \$3,950.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to accept with regret and many Chi-Miigwetch for outstanding service the resignation of Wenona Single from the Economic Development Commission to be effective immediately.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to declare a seat vacant on the Economic Development Commission and to post the position immediately.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to approve Enrollment list "A" Eligible for membership, dated December 28, 2004.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to approve Enrollment list "B" Declination (Ineligible) dated December 28, 2004.
Vote: 5 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.), 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to approve Burial Request #A0092 in the amount of \$5,000.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to increase the limit of the Burial Fund to \$8,000 per request, retroactive to the first of the year.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to apologize to all of the volunteers who worked on our Children's Christmas parties and were treated poorly and to thank them for their efforts.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

5:23 p.m. recess called
5:34 p.m. meeting reconvened

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to require the Tribal Council to submit a written narrative instead of the previous Tribal Council Travel Report form.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley for any Tribal Council member to attend the Phoenix Rising Unlimited Regulatory training in Las Vegas, Nevada February 14th through the 18th, 2005; upcoming Tribal State Forum meetings, and the Anishnaabemowin Teg in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, March 30th, through April 3rd, 2005 and the Michigan Indian Education Conference meeting in March 2005 which will include stipend, mileage, per diem and lodging.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to appoint Council Secretary Dexter McNamara and a member of the Legal Department as Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians representatives to attend the monthly Tribal State Forum meetings, to include mileage, stipend, lodging, and per diem.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to place proposed legislation "Recognition of Foreign Law" on the Legislative Agenda, the law is sponsored by Fred Harrington.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to schedule a Tribal Council work session on March 4, 2005 for discussion issues related to the proposed new Constitution, to include mileage stipend, per diem and lodging.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

6:33 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to go into Executive Session for personnel.
Vote: 5 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.), 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

7:14 p.m. Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. to go out of closed session.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. that we resume open session.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

7:16 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to direct the Tribal Chairman to reprimand the Tribal Administrator for failure to perform his duties adequately.
Motion dies due to lack of support

7:16 p.m. Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to adjourn.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Secretary Dexter McNamara), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:
Approved:

Dexter McNamara, Tribal Secretary

Lines From Our Membership

Birthdays

Happy February Birthdays for Reyna McFall, Grace Zerbe, and Netawn Kiogima.
Carla McFall

On February 12th, please wish **Mary King** a happy 91st birthday! May you enjoy many more!
Love, the King and Van De Car families.

Happy 33rd birthday to **Kathy Van De Car** on February 24th!
Love, the King and Van De Car families.

Happy Birthday **Mother** on February 9. You're the best mother a daughter could have.
Love Lots, Pauline

Happy birthday **Kristy Leigh Skippergosh** on 2/13/05. Remember...This is the first day of the rest of your life. Make the most of it. I am so proud of you and will be there to walk beside you all the way.

I love you, Mom

Happy birthday **Stacy Lynn Skippergosh** on 2/27/05. Wishing you the best as you too now venture down that long road....to "college"! Yippee!!!
All my love, Mom

Robert Petoskey of Tomahawk, Wisconsin will be 70 years old this month.

Attention

Tribal Elders

LTBB Elders there will be three vacancies on the LTBB Advisory Board. These vacancies will occur in March of 2005. If you are interested in serving on the LTBB Elder Program Advisory Board you must submit a letter of interest to the Little Traverse Bay Bands Tribal Council for review and consideration. For an application to be valid, applicants must be 55 years of age or older and be an enrolled LTBB member.

The three positions that will be open are two advisory board members and one alternate. Anyone considering application for any one of these positions should take under consideration that they will also serve as representatives of the LTBB Elders Program and Elders at the Michigan Indian Elder Association business meetings held quarterly each year (April, July, and October). The LTBB Advisory Board also meets with program staff once a month.

Miigwech!
Warren Petoskey, Outreach Coordinator

Birth Announcements

Mjiikwis, Alexandra, and Rachel Mishehn Genia would like to welcome the arrival of binoojinhskwezenhs Nangonhs Jessica Morgan Genia who was gifted to us on Niizh Giizhigat kizhep (Tuesday morning), Basshkaakodin Giizis, November 16, 2004 weighing in at 7lbs 10 ozs, 20 3/4" Gashi, Saulte Ste Marie member Alicia Ann (O'Berry) and Noos, LTBB member Joseph Marvin Genia. Would like to honor and say Gchimiigwech Gzhemnido for binoojinhskwezenhs. Proud Great-Grand Gitzimak Virginia Hynceki, Nokomis Sandy and Mishoomis Ray Wickstrom, all of Caro, Michigan. Nokomis Margaret Compo of Lansing, Michigan.



Pictured: Nangonhs Jessica Morgan Genia

We all want to welcome **John A. Bott III** who entered our world on January 17th, 2005. He was born at 9.5lbs and 20.5" long. Love, Mom and Dad, Papaw and Mamaw Bott, Daryan and Ayana

Congratulations

Congratulations to our own Mr. Matt Blumke, Family Services Coordinator for the Huron Potawatomi Head Start Program in Grand Rapids. Matt was elected today to serve as one of five Staff Member positions on the Michigan Head Start Directors Association Board of Directors. Matt will be representing our ITC Head Start Program at all MHSA Board Meeting for the next two years. Matt will keep us all informed of MHSA business during out regular Team Meetings and via e-mail.
Again ~ Congrats to Mr. Matt!!!

Birthdays

Happy Birthday wishes to Father, **Will Laughlin** and Son, **Anthony Laughlin** on their birthdays in February. How old are you now Will? I know Anthony is celebrating his first birthday! Hope you boys have a day as great as you both are.
Lots of love for you both, your favorite Auntie!

Get Well Soon

Get Well wishes are sent out to **Mona Vertz** from Grand Rapids, Michigan who is recuperating from Surgery. Speedy recovery to you!
Love from your family



Internship Announcement

In 2005, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and USDA Forest Service will sponsor 60-80 paid summer internships with a primary focus on recruiting and exposing freshman and sophomore Hispanic, African-American, Asian and Native American students to the conservation field. The Conservation Careers Diversity Intern Program is a collaboration between FWS, FS, and the Environmental Careers Organization. Each summer internship offers: a \$4,800 stipend (\$400/week for 12 weeks); \$1,000 housing allowance or free housing; \$300 minimum to help with relocation expenses. Students who are currently majoring in or have an interest in the following or other related academic fields are urged to apply:

Biology, Botany, GIS, Ecology, Plant Science, Cartography, Wildlife Science, Hydrology, Forestry, Fishery Science, Geology, Soil Science, Natural Resources, Chemistry, Parks and Recreation, Range Conservation, Physical Science, Environmental Education.

For more information, please contact:
Josephine Xiong
Program Manager
617-426-4783 x.142
jxiong@eco.org



Elder Thanks

We, the Elder's Association, wish to sincerely thank Tim La Croix for his thoughtful donation of the original oil painting by artist David Shananaquet.

The Association Raffled this Painting at the annual winter Solstice (Christmas Party) and realized \$663.00 which was greatly appreciated by the membership.

Carol McFall, Vice Chairperson
Elder's Association

Beacon Lights for Elders

On August 2, 2004 the LTBB Tribal Police Department ordered the safety beacon lights to give to the elders. The company they were ordered from has been bought out by a different manufacturing firm. Since August the purchasing department has been working on obtaining these lights; however, the company has delayed the date of arrival 7 different times. The last time they stated they did not even have an estimated date of when the lights would be available. We are working on an alternative to the safety beacon light. This is a device called an Emergency Beacon chip, it goes into the light socket and then an ordinary light bulb goes in after the chip. The chip will work the same as the light and you will be able to reuse the chip once the light bulb burns out.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this delay has caused. Thank you in advance for your time and patience with this matter.

Jeff Cobe
Police Chief
LTBB Tribal Police Department

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Albuquerque, NM USA
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- ❖ Native or Indigenous women, 18-25 years of age
- ❖ Verifiable tribal affiliation
- ❖ Single, never been married, no dependants (children)
- ❖ Knowledge of tribal tradition(s)

Current and past princesses are welcome and encouraged to apply.

The Selection of Miss Indian World is Based On a Point System:

- ❖ Traditional Talent Presentation representative of your tribe
- ❖ Public Speaking and Private Interview with Judges
- ❖ Dance Competition (expression through music)
- ❖ Raffle Ticket Sales- Special awards will be given for number of tickets sold.

1000 - Portable CD Player (10% of ticket sales is returned to the contestant)
2000 - Portable Color TV (Raffle points are used as tie breakers)
3000 - Four Day Ocean Cruise

Miss Indian World represents all Native People and serves as a goodwill ambassador to all cultures throughout the world.

Miss Indian World 2006 will be crowned April 30, 2005 at the **Gathering of Nations Powwow.**

For more information and an application: MISS INDIAN WORLD PAGEANT
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